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1. IN ARTICLE DECEMBER 8 "LA OPINION'S" LABOR COLUMNIST ROBERTO GARCIA STATED THERE WAS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY WOULD BE MEMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL ICFTU FACT-FINDING MISSION TO ARGENTINA.

2. FOLLOWING DAY "LA OPINION" REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL WORKERS CONFEDERATION, FLORENCIO CARRANZA, IN WHICH CARRANZA CONFIRMED THAT A ICFTU MISSION WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ARGENTINA DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY, 1977. CARRANZA STATED POSSIBILITY THAT ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL OTTO KERSTEIN WOULD LEAD ICFTU MISSION AND THAT MR. MEANY MIGHT PARTICIPATE. STORY REPEATED IN "LA NACION'S LABOR COLUMN DECEMBER 13.

3. CARRANZA TOLD LABATT PRIVATELY THAT HE HAD PRESSED ICFTU TO ISSUE INVITATION TO AFL-CIO TO PARTICIPATE IN MISSION TO ARGENTINA DURING ICFTU'S RECENT BOARD MEETING. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, EX-CGT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY RAMON ELORZA (GASTRONOMIC WORKERS) TOLD DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRAY THAT, WHILE PRESS SPECULATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR. MEANY HAD ELECTRIFIED ARGENTINE LABOR LEADERS, WHETHER HE CAME OR NOT LOCAL LEADERS WERE GRATEFUL FOR CONTINUED INTEREST
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